

TENNESSEE GENERAL ASSEMBLY  
FISCAL REVIEW COMMITTEE



FISCAL NOTE

HB 9029

October 27, 2021

**SUMMARY OF BILL:** Decreases, from 60 to 21 days, the length of time a State of Emergency, as declared by the Governor, remains in effect before requiring renewal by a joint resolution from the Tennessee General Assembly, rather than renewal by the Governor. Clarifies that the Governor does not have the authority to shut businesses down, restrict travel and assembly of citizens, or expend funds without approval of such actions by the Tennessee General Assembly.

**ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT:**

**Other Fiscal Impact – For any special legislative session which is convened the proposed legislation will result in an increase in state expenditures of \$182,300.**

Assumptions:

- In the event that the renewal of a state of emergency should occur outside of the regularly scheduled legislative session, a special session would have to be called for a joint resolution to be brought up and voted on.
- For each special session outside of a regular legislative session, each member will be eligible to receive per diem and travel reimbursement.
- Each legislative member will receive \$313 per day and an average mileage reimbursement of \$129.25 for each meeting.
- There are 132 legislative members.
- It is reasonably assumed that any special legislative session called will span Monday to Thursday, with members being reimbursed for travel once. Therefore, for any special legislative session initiated as a direct result of this legislation, there will be an increase in state expenditures estimated to be \$182,325  $\{[(\$313 \times 4) + \$129.25] \times 132\}$ .
- Any impact from requiring the Tennessee General Assembly's approval of certain actions by the Governor may also result in meetings outside of the regularly scheduled legislative session, in which case the same state expenditures would occur.
- Any action taken by the General Assembly during a regularly-scheduled legislative session will not require the additional payment of per diem or travel reimbursement for members.

**CERTIFICATION:**

The information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

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Krista Lee Carsner, Executive Director

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